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their vehicle. So, I'd be open to any questions, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on the advancement of LB 477 by Senator Erdman. Open for discussion. Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President. I don't have any specific objections about this bill itself, but I do want to raise an issue regarding salvage titles. Salvage title is not an indication of damage, believe it or not. It's an indication of economics. If I have a \$30,000 car that sustains \$10,000 worth of damage it will be repaired, because the car is worth more than the damage that incurred to it. Okay? If I have a '67 Buick Skylark that's worth \$300, receives only \$500 worth of damage, it's going to get salvage titled. It may only lose a quarter panel, rear quarter panel, because they're harder to find on Buicks, okay? So there is an idea that this salvage title is somehow an indication of the automobile's drivability or safety. Oftentimes that may be true, but it is not specifically always the case. It's an economic title, not a safety title. There needs to be reform in this area, and I hope some day that our national government takes the leadership role in doing this because we can...50 states, 50 jurisdictions, 50 different ways to have these salvage titles. I have a car that has a salvage title that I drive to Lincoln; I've put probably 35,000 miles on it since I've purchased it. It is a completely safe car. I have another automobile that I bought that was wrecked that has good title, and it's a perfectly safe car. What were the differences? If I put both cars out in front of the Capitol, you couldn't tell which one had the salvage title and which one could. Take it to a mechanic, you couldn't tell. Salvage title is a title of economics, not of safety. I'm not trying to disparage the salvage title concept, but consumers must be aware that because a car has a salvage title it's an economic decision, not a safety decision. If you want something that is all-encompassing on safety, I would suggest a reform that we have complete, open disclosure to the consumers that if this accident wasn't a reported wreck either by insurance or by the police, it goes on the title and let buyer beware. I bought my...a Chevy in Omaha once at a dealership I won't name and found out, a couple years after I